THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):(a) and (b) DDA has reported that as and when any encroachment comes to the notice, the same is removed immediately. During the last three years namely April, 1999 to October, 2001, DDA demolished 17147 structures of kucha/pukka and semi pucca nature in the process of removal of encroachments/unauthorised constructions. It has reclaimed 507.93 acres of land for development.

(c) DDA has informed that no such cases have been reported. However, DDA has initiated departmental action against 10 officials between 1-4-1998 and 31-10-2001 for their failure to stop unauthorised construction and encroachment on DDA land.

Recommendation by 13th Congress of Housing Cooperatives

2274. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 13th Congress of Housing Coorperatives at their meeting held in the first week of November, 2001 at Delhi have suggested urgent need for Disaster Management Ploicy and submitted their recommendations to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 13th Congress of Housing Cooperatives held at New Delhi in November, 2001 has recommended that natural Disaster Management Policy should be evolved at the national level to spell out various steps needed to be taken in emergencies arising out of these disasters and the role to be played by the Central/State Governments, Local authorities, Cooperatives, NGO's and affected people. The policy should also specify the role of research organizations, laboratories, legal and regulatory framework. The Government is yet to receive the recommendations from National Cooperative Housing Federation (NCHF).